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FOR DEPARTMENT YOUTH COORDINATOR

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SUBJECT: WAY'S PLANS FOR AFRICAN LIBERATION CONFERENCE

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1. IN CONVERSATION DESCRIBED REFTEL VALENTIM PAINTED WAY SECRETARIAT AS WRACKED WITH DISSENSION AND DISLOYALTY TO SEC GEN CARLOS CARRASCO. VALENTIM SAID MANY MEMBERS OF STAFF LOOKED PRIMARILY TO GEORGES MALEMPRE FOR INSTRUCTIONS AND THAT MALEMPRE NEVER HAD ACCEPTED FAILURE OF EUROPEANS TO RECAPTURE SECRETARY GENERALSHIP AFTER SINGH'S TENURE. CARRASCO HAS BEEN PROCEEDING CAUTIOUSLY SINCE ASSUMING OFFICE AND, WHILE HE HAS DEMONSTRATED STRONG LEADERSHIP ABILITY, HE HAS BEEN HESITANT TO EXERT TIGHT CONTROL OVER STAFF.

2. ACCORDING TO VALENTIM, CARRASCO ALSO HAS NOT SUCCEEDED COMPLETELY IN HEADING OFF PRESSURE BY REDY, HEAD OF ASIAN REGIONAL OFFICE, FOR SYSTEM IN WHICH POWER WOULD GO TO REGIONAL OFFICES AND BRUSSELS WOULD HAVE MERELY COORDINATING ROLE. REDY EVIDENTALLY HAS NOT GIVEN UP IDEA OF CONVERTING OWN OFFICE TO
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ASIAN VERSION OF CENYC. ACCORDING TO VALENTIM, REDY DEFIED

WAY HEADQUARTERS DECISION NOT TO ATTEND EAST BERLIN YOUTH CONFERENCE. WHILE AT CONFERENCE REDY MADE SIDE TRIP TO BRUSSELS TO CONFER WITH CENYC. WHEN CARRASCO FOUND OUT ABOUT VISIT, HE REFUSED REDY'S OFFER TO MAKE SECOND VISIT TO SEE HIM.

3. THIS REPORT CONTRASTS MARKEDLY WITH COMMENTS MADE TO US EARLIER THIS YEAR BY CARRASCO, WHO WAS CONFIDENT THAT REDY WAS BEING QUIETLY CONVINCED NOT TO PUSH REGIONALIZATION PROPOSAL. IT ALSO APPEARED CARRASCO WAS GAINING WIDESPREAD ACCEPTANCE IN WAY.

4. MAIN CONCERN OF VALENTIM IN TALKING TO US WAS DESIRE TO HEAD OFF MOVE TO HOLD PLANNED AFRICAN LIBERATION CONFERENCE IN CAIRO. HE FEELS STRONGLY THAT US WOULD TAKE REAL BEATING AT CAIRO AND THAT UNLESS HE AND CARRASCO CAN SHOW THAT FINANCIAL SUPPORT WILL BE RAPIDLY FORTHCOMING FOR CONFERENCE ELSEWHERE, CARRASCO WILL NOT BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND PRESSURE FROM MALEMPRE AND OTHERS TO ACCEPT DANISH OFFER RE CAIRO SITE. VALENTIM

WONDERED THEREFORE IF THERE WAS ANY WAY PART OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR CONFERENCE COULD BE ARRANGED THROUGH PRIVATE U.S. ORGANIZATIONS. EMBASSY, OF COURSE, GAVE VALENTIM NO ENCOURAGEMENT THAT SUCH ASSISTANCE WAS POSSIBLE BUT SAID HE WOULD INFORM APPROPRIATE USG OFFICIALS OF VALENTIM'S CONCERNS ABOUT BOTH WAY'S INTERNAL SITUATION AND ITS PROBLEM WITH RESPECT TO AFRICAN LIBERATION CONFERENCE.

4. COMMENT: SINCE EMBASSY HAS HAD LITTLE PREVIOUS CONTACT WITH VALENTIM AND IS UNAWARE OF PRECISE NATURE OF HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH CARRASCO, EMBASSY IS UNABLE TO ASSESS EXTENT TO WHICH VALENTIM REFLECTS CARRASCO'S VIEWS. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS CARRASCO IS NOW IN WASHINGTON, D.C. IN WHICH CASE DEPARTMENT YOUTH COORDINATOR MAY WANT TO DISCUSS AFRICAN LIBERATION CONFERENCE WITH HIM AND INQUIRE DISCREETLY ABOUT WAY'S ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS, IF LATTER INQUIRY IS POSSIBLE WITHOUT COMPROMISING EMBASSY SOURCE. CROWLEY

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